

Heller House
Odessa, Delaware

HABS No. Del- 114

HABS

DEL.

2-0D

5-

PHOTOGRAPHS
WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA
District of Delaware

Historic American Buildings Survey
Weston H. Blake, District Officer
909 West Street, Wilmington, Delaware

HELLER HOUSE
Odessa, New Castle County, Delaware

Owner: Estate of Elisha Heller, (Robert Heller, Exec.)

Date of Erection: 1785

Present Condition: Fair. Natural decay excepted. Sagging and uneven settling of joists, etc. The two story addition on west is recent, also porch.

Number of Stories: Two and one half. Cellar

Materials of Construction: Masonry cellar. Frame covered with shingles. Shingled roof. Plastered inside.

Other Existing Records: Bennett's Early Architecture of Delaware.

Additional Data: Interesting in the primitive, winding staircase alongside the fireplace, and in the very simple but well proportioned paneling. The brick fireplace-back, showing in the end gable as a rectangle, is an interesting solution of the inside chimney problem.

Lansat R. Rogers

Approved

Robert Heller

20 Jan. 29-31 THW